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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several places associated with Sri Ram, Sita, Ravana and Hanuman ji have been found during excavation being conducted by the Sri Lanka Government;

(b) if so, the outcome of excavation carried out so far;

(c) whether the Government of India inspired by the efforts of Sri Lanka Government propose to cooperate with them in excavation of places associated with Sri Ram, Sita, Ravana and Hanuman;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (f) The Archaeological Survey of India has no information regarding such archaeological excavations by the Government of Sri Lanka.